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# PARTY PROGRESS

## EVENING PARADE, NOVEMBER 9th.

COME at 8 o'clock to 57th Street and Fifth Avenue! The line of march starts at 54th Street. The Woman Suffrage Party forms in the side streets, east and west of Fifth Avenue at 57th Street. The great body of suffrage organizations including the National American Woman Suffrage Association, New York State Woman Suffrage Association, Collegiate Equal Suffrage League, Equal Franchise Society, The Men's League for Woman Suffrage, Woman Suffrage Party and the Wage-Earner's League, together with representatives from suffrage organizations from many other states, will meet in the streets between Fifty-fifth and Fifty-eighth Streets east and west of Fifth Avenue. We now have our police permit and the cordial promise of police protection which was offered us for our next parade.

Fifth Avenue always bright, will gleam with radiance, and thousands of lanterns, torches, and lights of every device that is known to evening demonstrations, fêtes and carnivals will be used. One letter received by the Parade Committee which met Friday, October 18th, at 3:30 at 30 East 34th Street (and will meet every Friday thereafter until the parade, November 9th), caused a hearty laugh. It said that "Under the cover of night" the "hoodlumism of New York" would interfere with the parade. Anybody who has walked on Fifth Avenue in the evening recently, will be amused at the expression "Cover of night," for there simply isn't any "Cover!" It is almost as bright as day, and indeed, brighter than it was at twilight when we turned across Fifty-seventh Street and marched to Carnegie Hall last May. We may only fear somewhat that the Avenue is so bright, that we will not get the full effect of our light decorations, our searchlights, floats, and our brilliantly lighted transparencies. However, judging by our enrollments for the parade, few people except the fogies who always hang back from anything new, have any qualms about the evening light parade.

A number of the details have not yet been decided; for instance, as to whether the cavalcade of horsemen and horsewomen should come first, or whether the parade shall be headed by the women trumpeters. The six golden chariots used in the Baltimore parade are being shipped to us, and flags and banners from various states of the country where the suffrage campaign is being waged, are being sent.

*Assembly District leaders, work up your parade enrollments at every street and indoor meeting.* One method of organization which we found effective, is to urge people to recruit their own "Companies." All persons sending in a list of ten or more new marchers in the parade, will receive a Captain's badge with the designation for the meeting place of their groups. They may lead their own "Companies," which in some cases will reach a hundred or two hundred.

Urge all your friends who live on or near Fifth Avenue to hang out the beautiful parade lanterns. We are getting orders for parade lanterns by hundreds. Order yours now. *They are only* $4.50 *per hundred or five cents a piece.* Until the day of the parade, you may use them as shades over your electric lights. They give a wonderfully soft glow, which is becoming to any room. White or yellow stoles of shiney paper muslin, will also be very effective. They are on sale at headquarters for five cents a piece. Pushcarts will go up and down the side streets distributing lanterns, candles, and little boxes of safety matches; but if you will provide yourself beforehand, it will save much time and trouble.

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We want volunteers to serve on large Committees for distributing materials on the night of the parade. We also want volunteers to go into the big drygoods stores for a few days before the parade, here. In many places we hope to have special counters or booths, where a Woman Suffrage Parade Committee member wearing a yellow sash will sell parade materials, lanterns, stoles, etc., and take parade pledges.

Fifth Avenue associations we expect, will vote to illuminate their windows the night of the parade. This will be excellent for us and even more excellent as an advertisement for them, as big throngs of people will see and be attracted by the exhibition in the merchants' windows. There will be a big mass meeting in Union Square with several side meetings. Also along Fifth Avenue, groups will drop out to talk to the crowds. Then a flying squadron of automobiles with speaking groups will go down Broadway, holding meetings as with the May 4th parade.

The pageant down Fifth Avenue will be a peaceful and beautiful affair calling out the best elements in the City to view the spectacle. There will be practically no traffic complications and the police department realizes that this is an advantage. Another great advantage is that we have with us the sentiment of the merchants in that part of town, for their trade is in no wise interfered with by the parade and the attendant crowds in front of their shops.

The Parade will be a great success! Help to make it so and come and share the enjoyment and exhilaration of this occasion. *Come November 9th, Fifth Avenue in the fifties at seven-thirty o'clock.* This parade will start promptly at eight o'clock.

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## POLITICAL WORK.

ON the cover of the first WOMAN VOTER issued by the Woman Suffrage Party, February, 1910, appeared the Party slogan: 100,000 *members—Victory in* 1915.

Notwithstanding our respect for Mrs. Catt's unfaltering political sagacity, many of us felt that this prophecy was something to hope for, an ideal to strive toward; but here we stand November, 1912, with *sixty thousand* enrolled members and a referendum plank for woman suffrage in the platform of every political party in the State of New York. With serious hearts and minds in the midst of our victory, and with lives dedicated to the service of our Cause during the next two years, we are sobered and steadied by the realization that we are actually facing a campaign in New York State. We know that the Woman Suffrage Party is primarily the form of organization upon which an intensive, final campaign must

NONE ARE SO BLIND AS THOSE WHO WON'T SEE.
(*Dedicated to editors of "Women's Pages."*)

*Courtesy of Judge.*

rely. This Party work with its detailed routine is serious work. What it has accomplished, has been accomplished by no frothy or unsubstantial agitation. The Woman Suffrage Party has with unfaltering courage, and ever undimmed vision, worked unremittingly day and night; literally every day since it has been founded. A recent editorial on our political triumphs this fall speaks of the "Skilful and sagacious work of the Woman Suffrage Party." The Party indeed has contributed its generous share, together with the earnest, gallant work of all the other suffrage organizations of New York State, toward the political success of this fall of 1912.

This month of October we are indeed concentrating upon outdoing our work of last year in pledging candidates. *Last year we got a majority of all candidates for Assembly in Greater New York pledged. This fall we want an overwhelming majority, if not a solid pledge from all candidates in Greater New York.* This is asking only for a logical thing; for every one of these candidates is to be elected upon a platform which contains a plank for the referendum of the suffrage question to the people. We have dozens of pledges already safely and carefully pigeonholed at the Woman Suffrage Party headquarters. The procedure of the Party in this matter is, that as a matter of courtesy, the Assembly District leaders, captains and workers shall have the pledging of candidates for Senate and Assembly entirely in their own hands; but if they request help in

this matter from Headquarters, we will undertake to interview any candidates and obtain their pledges. Thus far the obtaining of the candidates' promises is going merrily on. We have only four or five "cases" turned over to us at Headquarters. One very picturesque element in the pledge this year is that after signing the promise, some candidates are adding a little note in their own hand, something to this effect: "I am a member of the Woman Suffrage Party in the —— district," or "I signed a Woman Suffrage Party enrollment slip two years ago, and I am of the same mind still" or, "As a member of the Woman Suffrage Party, you may command me and my earnest efforts in behalf of the submission of the Woman Suffrage amendment."

At our Assembly District conventions, fifty-five of which took place simultaneously on one night, October 7th, there were many illuminating instances. In some cases, the district politicians attended the Woman Suffrage Party Assembly District convention. The writer attended three or four conventions on that evening of October 7th, remaining to the close at her last convention in the fifteenth Assembly District. In this district, as in others, the candidates of all parties had been invited to speak for five minutes on their attitude toward Woman Suffrage. The sentiments of the candidates in the fifteenth Assembly District were most satisfactory. I was delighted and amused to see our gallant ex-leader of the fifteenth Assembly District, Mrs. Frederick Nathan, "hold up" the candidates at her desk as they stepped from the platform, saying that their speeches were undeviatingly satisfactory from the suffrage point of view, and giving them blanks to sign for membership in the Men's League for Woman Suffrage and the Woman Suffrage Party, and in most cases they signed!

Many instances might be cited to show how the Woman Suffrage Party has become an integral part of the political life of this City.

In districts where the organization of the Party is strong, it is a power; in other districts it is an influence, and even in those districts where the organization is weak and sketchy, and the work tentative, it is a factor. Thousands of people see the Woman Suffrage Party Headquarters banner and may clearly read its message from Park Avenue to Sixth Avenue on 34th Street, and up and down Madison Avenue. Thousands see its white marble sign on the street. Tens of thousands see its flags waving nightly in the Assembly District street meetings or outside of the hall where the meeting is being held. Thousands are reading THE WOMAN VOTER with its message of suffrage hope and with its outline of our aims and methods, and the character of our political work.

In reference to our pledging of candidates, it may be said that we are carrying on an aggressive campaign of street meetings, especially in the districts of men who have been known to be lukewarm or unfavorable to us in the past, and who are again candidates for the legislature. From five to fifteen street meetings a night are being held under the leadership of our Woman Suffrage Party leaders and their Chairman of Public Demonstrations. Nothing less than the Woman Suffrage Party organization can deliver the widespread activity that has followed our Assembly District conventions and our five big arousing Borough meetings. Now in every Assembly District, captains and workers are being called together and aggressive plans are being made. Our organizers and our office force at headquarters are kept busy with the detail and arrangement of finding speakers and helping to obtain permits.

A great successful year is opening for the Woman Suffrage Party. All of you who read these words pledge yourself to be part of that earnest effective activity;—the activity which will mean victory at the polls in 1915.

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## THE STATE CONVENTIONS.

Mrs. Martha Wentworth Suffren, our City Vice-Chairman, represented the Woman Suffrage Party at the Republican Convention in Saratoga. In company with delegates from other suffrage associations, she appeared before the resolutions committee, pleading for the insertion of a suffrage plank in the Republican platform. The Suffragists were enthusiastically received, and a large group of men and women listened to the hearing. The Honorable Horace White of Syracuse was Chairman of the resolutions committee, which numbered among its suffragist members the Honorable William M. Ivins, the Honorable Herbert Parsons, Mr. William Berri, and Mr. Callanen of Oswego. A number of Anti-suffragists were present, but since they also asked for a suffrage referendum to the voters, they were, as usual, a help, rather than a hinderance.

After years of persistent effort, which had apparently made no impression upon the members of the Republican Party, something definite was accomplished. We cannot say whether our victory was the result of the long agitation in New York State, an attempt to catch up with China and the Progressives, or simply an indication of the trend of the times. We are not concerned so much with motives, as with results, and the result is, that for the first time in the history of New York State, there is the following suffrage plank in the Republican platform:

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.—*We favor submitting to the voters in* 1915 *a constitutional amendment enfranchising women unless a Constitutional Convention is to be held prior thereto as hereinafter advocated.*

Mrs. Margaret Chanler Aldrich, our City Treasurer, represented the Woman Suffrage

Party at the Democratic Convention in Syracuse. As at the Saratoga Convention, the suffragists were cordially received when they appeared before the resolutions committee of which Senator Wagner was Chairman. Again victory was ours and for the first time in the history of New York State, the Democratic Party has a suffrage plank in its platform. It is not explicit in the detail of a date for the referendum, but it is regarded as an expression of the good will of the Democratic Party.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.—*We declare in favor of submitting to the voters of the State as soon as possible the woman suffrage constitutional amendment.*

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## NOTES FROM SARATOGA.

Nicholas Murray Butler neither made the Keystone Speech, wrote the platform, nor sat upon the Committee on Resolutions. Truly the world does move. Last May he was the Republican Pooh-Bah.

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The Honorable Elihu Root is just as willing in 1912 to deny justice to women as he was in 1894, when he and Joseph H. Choate killed woman suffrage in the Constitutional Convention. He voted "NO" in the Resolutions Committee.

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The Committee vote stood 31 for a suffrage plank to 7 against. Those voting "no" were:

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| Elihu Root..... | 17th | Congressional District |
| Bernard J. Isecke.... | 23rd | " " |
| Albert S. Callan..... | 27th | " " |
| James P. Hill..... | 34th | " " |
| Merton E. Lewis.... | 38th | " " |
| John Reiman..... | 41th | " " |

(One name not obtainable.)

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The delegates from Kings County voted to stand as a unit behind the progressive planks, among them the suffrage referendum. Two out of eight Kings men upon the Committee on Resolutions dodged, by absenting themselves from the session; these men, brave and true, were Jesse D. Moore, from the 3rd Congressional District, and Adolph Levy, from the 4th.

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Eleven hundred men waited a day and a half for the platform to be got ready. We prepare ours before our Convention assembles. At Saratoga speeches hours long, upon every imaginable topic, were interspersed between motions and the vote upon them. We observe the orderly procedure, and stick to the point.

The Platform is the great thing in a Woman Suffrage Party Convention: what we stand for, what we hope to accomplish.

The Candidate is the great thing in the men's Conventions: will he pull the votes, and will he distribute the Patronage?

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## EXTENSION OF THE PARTY FORMATION THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

The Referendum pledged for 1915 hangs over us like a rainbow of promise. Our leaders have been realizing the fact that if we are to get the pot of gold at the further end, as told in the fairy tale, we have a wide extent of territory to travel over, and no time is to be lost. Every State which has failed to carry for suffrage at its first referendum has done so because it was imperfectly organized; some sections being thoroughly instructed in the need of equal suffrage, while other sections were almost untouched. We who have evolved the Woman Suffrage Party are convinced of its supreme importance, believing that no other organization method can approach in value ours, the organization by Assembly Districts. That it should spread beyond New York City, until it covered the whole State, has been our hope always, and the two weeks between the pledging of the referendum and the holding of the State Convention at Utica have been weeks of busy thinking over the whole situation.

The Vice-Chairman brought the question up before the Party Board, in her strenuous fashion, on the 14th; and the Board turned upon her, and promptly ordered her up to Utica to the State Woman Suffrage Convention to attend to it. She reports the existence of a wonderful amount of appreciation of the Party idea, and enthusiasm to carry it out. An open discussion was held, and every voice heard spoke in favor. A committee headed by Mrs. Arthur Livermore was appointed for the purpose of pushing the work; a similar committee existed last year, but the purpose this year is for more active and constructive formative work. During the money raising session, which followed immediately after, the Vice-Chairman was surprised and delighted to see woman after woman rise and pledge substantial sums toward definite district work; and when calls were made, as is the custom, for assistance of other kinds, again woman after woman rose and pledged her time to district work; some offering a month, some a week, some two weeks, others their cars, others to accompany an organizer in the capacity of helper, and so on. It was the best assurance of victory in 1915 that could have been given.

The Vice-Chairman was sent up without any definite instructions, so she was obliged to follow out at Utica any policy that seemed to her the best, and sincerely hopes she has done wisely. She has offered the State Association the use of the Party name in its District formation, but did not insist upon it as a condition of the allegiance to the State of the New York division. She advocated the retention of the affiliation of the old-line clubs, with their old system of dues and proportion of representation; she urged the calling of district conventions (under the direction of Mrs. Livermore's Committee) at once wherever possible, and certainly everywhere throughout the State, outside of New York City, before the first of January, for the election of Leader and district officers. She asked the reduction of the limit of membership under which an Assembly District may affiliate, from 1,000 to 500; but cannot report on this, as the Convention had not acted when this goes to press. She assured the Convention that the Party stands ready with wise counsel and advice and support, and that it will endeavor to induce its district organizations to affiliate with the State organization, under the 500 member rule, and the proposed dues of $5.00 annually, with one delegate.

The Vice-Chairman feels that much of the success that met her efforts is due to the perfectly friendly relation that the Woman Suffrage Party holds to the New York State Woman Suffrage Association; and this is due to our correct recognition of the importance of the latter. Also to the fact that the Party has shown its value, when it sent to the Legislature of 1912 forty-two men voting "aye" to the suffrage bill, from 63 Assembly Districts; while under the old-line method of work, the 88 rural Districts sent only 34 who had learned the great lesson that we have to teach.

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## THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE PARTY CONVENTIONS.

DURING October we have been busy with our party conventions. On the 7th of the month, conventions were held in the Assembly Districts; on the 14th, the Borough Conventions took place; on the 21st was the election of city officers; and on the 28th, the annual meeting of the Board of Directors and City Committee. As members of the Party know, owing to a change in our constitution, we shall have another series of conventions in January, so that in future years our party conventions will not occur in the Fall when we are busy with political work.

It is with great regret that we announce the retirement of Mrs. E. Jean Nelson Penfield, who has been City Chairman during the year 1911 and 1912. Even at a casual glance everybody knows that this has been a wonderful year for the Woman Suffrage Party. The earnestness, sincerity, and prophetic vision of Mrs. Penfield has been a wonderful factor in stimulating the party workers to activity. Her initiative and enthusiasm have carried us into many fields, broadening both our influence as a Party and our experience as workers. Under the burden of this remarkable extension of Party work, Mrs. Penfield has worked hard and long; early and late for the Party welfare. Added to the increased burden of official duties the year has brought to Mrs. Penfield many burdens of a personal nature. Sorrow and loss has been her lot; illness has made more difficult the execution of her heavy duties; unforeseen and unusual Party complications have added to her heavy cares. Probably no other City Chairman will ever have a more difficult year, even though, in view of the Party's constant growth, she may have a busier one. Gracious, dignified and serene, Mrs. Penfield shows what earnestness and devotion to our cause may accomplish. We are happy to know that although her health will not permit her continuing to perform her former heavy duties, we shall still have her on our committees working with us as before. She has signified her willingness to undertake a special and very important work for the Woman Suffrage Party of which our members will know more in detail. An affectionate farewell to Mrs. Penfield, as our retiring chairman and a welcome to her as one of the rank and file of workers!

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At the annual election of city officers, held October 21st, the following were elected:

Chairman, *Miss Mary Garrett Hay;* Vice-Chairman, *Mrs. Martha Wentworth Suffren;* Secretary, *Mrs. Harriet Wells;* Treasurer, *Mrs. Margaret Chanler Aldrich.*

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## THE NEW CITY CHAIRMAN.

Miss Mary Garrett Hay, the newly elected City Chairman of the Woman Suffrage Party, needs no introduction to the readers of THE WOMAN VOTER. For many years she has been widely known as a suffragist and active worker in women's clubs. She is now completing a two years' term as President of the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs, which numbers 225,000 members. She is President of the New York Equal Suffrage Club, the oldest of the Manhattan Suffrage societies, and was for many years an organizer for the National American Woman Suffrage Association. At one time she and Mrs. Catt made a suffrage tour of state conventions in sixty-seven days, with forty nights on sleepers. A record of this sort, with that of having crossed the continent three times for the cause, establishes her as one of the suffrage pioneers.

Miss Hay was active in organizing the Woman

Suffrage Party, and her policy will be the same as that formulated by Mrs. Catt and continued by Mrs. Penfield, the development of the party as a co-operating and active agency to push the Woman Suffrage Campaign in New York State. The purpose which we had, at the beginning of the party holds good, and was never so sure of fulfillment, *Woman Suffrage in New York in* 1915!

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Mrs. Martha Wentworth Suffren re-elected City Vice-Chairman is well known for splendid political work and her active service in the Ways and Means Committee.

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Mrs. Harriet Wells re-elected City Secretary, gave much of her time last winter to the Constitutional Revision Committee, and it was largely her devoted and careful work that made it possible to secure a good working document.

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Mrs. Margaret Chanler Aldrich, re-elected City Treasurer has given valuable service to the Party as a political worker. For some years she was President of the Woman's Municipal League and she has been active for years in civic and philanthropic work.

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MISS MARY GARRETT HAY

## THE BOROUGH CONVENTIONS.

### MANHATTAN.

The Annual Convention of the Borough of Manhattan was held October 7th at 8 o'clock, at 6 East 66th Street. The Leader of the First Assembly District, Miss Elsa Ueland, according to the new plan in the Woman Suffrage Party, whereby this year the first District in each Borough furnished the acting chairman, called the meeting to order and conducted the Borough Election as expeditiously as possible. The new Borough officers were elected: Chairman, Mrs. James Lees Laidlaw, 6 East 66th Street, New York; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Helen Hoy Greeley, 526 West 122nd Street, New York; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany, 128 East 36th Street, New York; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Frederick Nathan, 162 West 86th Street, New York; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Hedges Crowell, 1044 Fifth Avenue.

Mrs. Laidlaw thereupon took the chair and opened the Borough Convention, proceeding with the business of electing the Manhattan member to the City Board of Elections, Mrs. Wm. James Morton, Leader of the 17th Assembly District. Mrs. Laidlaw then urged upon the Leaders present the necessity of working for the pledging of candidates. Enthusiastic response was evinced when new pledges were handed in as the hard-won victory from several Assembly Districts.

The rooms were decorated with Parade lanterns which gave a suggestion of the glowing color that will pervade Fifth Avenue when thousands of these lighted lanterns are carried on the evening of November 9th. Many lanterns were sold, and many Parade pledges were taken. An interesting feature of the convention was that men who have been elected delegates from certain Assembly Districts, appeared, and presented their credentials in good and regular order, just as if they were at their own political conventions. Mr. R. C. Beadle, Secretary of the Men's League, made a speech relative to Parade plans. Mrs. Helen Hoy-Greeley spoke of the necessity of the Party form of work and made a strong and earnest appeal to all women present to concentrate on suffrage work for the next two years. She waved one of the well-known voter's lists from the City records with its long columns of names and addresses.

"This should be the guide book of the Woman Suffrage Party workers," she said. "These are the men in whose hands rests the fate of your freedom in 1915."

During her speech the lanterns were passed as collection baskets, it being agreed that this was a good method of taking up collections between

now and the time of the parade. Mrs. Frederick Nathan then gave a spirited address on the outlook in the campaign states, telling of the progress of a Suffrage automobile trip.

As the Delegates, Leaders and visitors at the Convention passed out of the hall, many of the active workers stood ready to enroll, give parade pledges, sell VOTERS and lanterns. Every one left not only with a determination to work harder, than he or she had ever worked for Suffrage before, but with a substantial bunch of working material clutched under the arm. It was a working army that left 66th Street that night.

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## BROOKLYN.

The annual convention of the Borough of Brooklyn was held at Memorial Hall, October 14th, 1912. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Hood, leader of the 1st Assembly District, as temporary chairman, who called for the votes of the district leaders for the Borough officers.

The officers elected were as follows: Chairman, Mrs. H. Edward Dreier, 35 Remson Street; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Frank Cothren, 173 South Oxford Street; Recording Secretary, Mrs. G. Gubbins, 16 Eighth Avenue; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. S. Mackin, 1189 Bergen Street; Treasurer, Mrs. Frederick C. Cranford, 479 Clinton Avenue.

Mrs. Dreier spoke a few gracious words of acceptance and appreciation but owing to a very severe cold in her throat was unable to preside at the meeting. Mrs. Cothren, the vice-leader, presided in her place.

Miss Beatrice Fraser was elected secretary for the evening and Mrs. W. D. Barker was elected a member of the Board of Elections.

Miss Mary G. Hay spoke of the fine political work that is being done by the Party, the change of attitude on the part of politicians in regard to the question of "Votes for Women," and made an earnest plea for each member of the Party to work hard and faithfully so that when the question is referred to the voters in 1915 the public will be thoroughly educated to an appreciation of the value of "Votes for Women."

After the collection, which amounted to $71.29 in cash and pledges, had been taken, Mrs. Cothren introduced Miss Fola La Follette. Miss La Follette spoke on the "How" of the question rather than the "Why." She considered organization the greater factor in the getting of the vote and characterized the party as psychologically fitted to the mental attitude of the politicians. Miss La Follette's talk was very able and very fitting as to time and place.

Miss Marie Rosset, the violinist, accompanied by Mrs. Charles J. Falco, added much to the enjoyment of the convention by their music.

BEATRICE FRASER.

## BRONX.

The annual convention of the Borough of the Bronx was held in the lecture hall of the Trinity Congregational Church, October 14th, Mrs. Fiske presiding.

The following officers were elected:

Chairman, Mrs. A. C. Fiske, 255 East 174th Street; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Oliver Pierce, 2038 Mapes Avenue; Secretary, Rev. Irene Earle; Treasurer, Miss Oliver.

From the Assembly District Leaders came the following reports:

Mrs. Hoag, Leader of the 30th, told of a series of interesting meetings in the rooms of the Republican Club, as well as many street meetings. A feature of her district is an active Young People's Society.

Mrs. Tonjes of the 34th reported many out-of-door meetings and a successful meeting at McKinley Square Hall.

Mrs. E. Jean Nelson Penfield, the retiring City Chairman has in the 32nd the largest Assembly District in Greater New York.

Mrs. Swan reported for the 35th an unusually successful year, with many out-door and in-door meetings.

After the reports of Leaders, Mrs. Pierce, Chairman of Public Out-Door Demonstration, reported on the 41 meetings which have been held. This was followed by an inspiring address by Mrs. Penfield, with many practical suggestions as to methods of work and interesting stories of her experiences in the Ohio campaign.

After a short address by the Chairman of Bronx Borough, refreshments were served and all enjoyed a social hour.

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## QUEENS.

On Monday, October 14th, the Queens Borough convention of the Woman Suffrage Party was held in the hall, No. 12 North Washington Street, Jamaica, N. Y. This was the largest Suffrage convention ever held in this Borough. All of the newly elected Assembly District officers, all delegates and alternates were present beside many others interested in the cause. Mrs. Jane Hoben the First Assembly District leader, presided over the meeting, and the election of borough officers resulted in the selection of Mrs. Alfred J. Eno, Borough Chairman; Mrs. H. Ecob, Vice-Chairman; Miss Florence Jesser, Recording Secretary; Mrs. H. Sheppard, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Edith Hinds, Treasurer. There was also chosen Mrs. Cora P. Hamilton as member of the Board of Elections.

Mrs. Ecob spoke about the past work and the present success of the movement for "Votes for Women" and she introduced Mrs. A. J. Eno, the

newly elected Borough Chairman. Mrs. Eno thanked the delegates for their action, and, among other things, dwelt upon the parade to be held on the evening of November 9th. It was suggested that Gordon's Band should play again this year. Twenty dollars was subscribed towards paying for the band to head the Queens Borough section, in less than five minutes. Mrs. Eno asked each Assembly District leader to take the responsibility of raising one-fourth of the money necessary for the parade, which they very gladly consented to do. Mrs. Cora P. Hamilton made an address on Assembly District work and told of her work during the past year. Much enthusiasm was shown by the new people who have been brought into the work, and a successful year is predicted. Several new study clubs will be started in the Borough this fall. One at Astoria, has its first meeting October 22nd, at Public School No. 7, Flushing and Van Alst Avenues. It will be in charge of Miss Molly Farrall, Vice-Leader of the First Assembly District, and Miss M. Fay, also of Astoria. Others will be started shortly. In Elmhurst, at the home of Mrs. T. Marsden, the Second Assembly District Leader, date not yet stated; Third Assembly District, Mrs. Schubel, the Vice-Leader will hold the first club meeting in her home. In the Fourth Assembly District, we have a club in Jamaica and in November, there will be three others, one in Hollis, to be held in the home of Mrs. Geiger; in Queens Mrs. Hancock will hold the first meeting in her home. At Forest Hills also, in the Fourth Assembly District, we are to have a big Suffrage club. Most people living there are in favor of Suffrage. As you all know, it is the home of Mrs. Forbes-Robertson Hale. There is no doubt as to the success of this club. On Saturday, October 26th, at 8:15, we are to hold a meeting from the automobile in the Square at the Forest Hills Hotel.

## RICHMOND.

There was a good attendance at the Richmond Borough Convention, held in the Woman's Exchange at Stapleton, October 14th. The following officers were elected:

Chairman, Mrs. William G. Willcox, 115 Davis Avenue, West New Brighton; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. William C. Walser, Livingston; Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. T. Joy, 166 Davis Avenue, West New Brighton; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Clara Banks, Oakland Avenue, West New Brighton; Treasurer, Miss Sara Banks, Oakland Avenue, West New Brighton.

## A RESOLUTION PASSED AT ALL THE BOROUGH CONVENTIONS.

Our Suffrage bill passed the Assembly last session, by a majority of 76 to 67. This victory was then immediately taken from us, by a motion to reconsider and lay on the table, which motion came from an Assemblyman who had voted in the negative. The following resolution passed in all the five Borough Conventions, and forms a backing for an effort, which will be made, to right an extremely dangerous legislative ruling:

*Whereas,* grave injustice was done to thousands of the citizens of New York State on March 29th under the Rules and Procedure adopted by the New York Assembly of 1912, which honor a motion to reconsider made by a member voting in the minority, and,

*Whereas,* under such a Rule, similar injustice threatens citizens at all times, and,

*Whereas,* a similar Rule has for years also been incorporated in the procedure of the New York Senate.

*Be it Resolved*: That we, citizens of the State of New York and members of the Woman Suffrage Party in the Borough of ——— in Convention Assembled, do protest against such procedure as opposed to the fundamental principles of justice and common sense upon which honorable parliamentary procedure is based, and declare that as the sole object of such a rule is to *delay and block* the *execution of the will of the majority,* it is therefore unworthy of place in the Rules of either the Senate or Assembly of New York State, and,

*Be it Resolved*: That the Woman Suffrage Party take the necessary steps toward preventing the adoption of such procedure by the Senate and Assembly in 1913, and, in pursuance of such resolutions,

*Be it Further Resolved*: That the City Committee of the Woman Suffrage Party be asked to appoint a committee whose business it shall be to call the attention of the Senators and Assemblymen of 1913 to the principles involved in such procedure and to urge them to abolish a Rule which is contrary to American usage and which discredits our State by allowing the shyster and trickster to manipulate the proceedings of our highest representative bodies.

## WELCOME HOME.

MRS. CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT, founder of the Woman Suffrage Party and Honorary Chairman, will return to New York on November 15th. Mrs. Catt has just completed a world tour in the interests of suffrage. We are so fortunate as to have an article from her in this month's VOTER, concerning votes for women in China.

*Mrs. Catt's arrival will be celebrated by a WELCOME HOME meeting, in Carnegie Hall, November 19th, at 8 P. M. COME AND help make THIS a great occasion.*

# VOTES IN CHINA

BY

CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT

WHEN I return to New York my most precious trophy will be a pair of chopsticks. Any tourist to China can buy chopsticks, but no tourist ever possessed anything so wonderful as these. They are souvenirs, presented by my host and hostess at Canton, of a supper of which Dr. Jacobs and I partook in their house in company with Chinese women who had voted and Chinese women who had that day served their country as members of the Provincial Assembly! That afternoon we had sat in the gallery of the Assembly hall and looked down upon them. There are nine women members, and six were present. It seemed the most natural thing in the world to see them there. Sometimes they make speeches, and good ones, but we heard none. We saw them vote several times, however, although we didn't know what it was all about. They are all well educated women, but none that we met spoke English.

The report that the women of China have been given a vote is incorrect. The women did vote in the Province of Canton, for the temporary government, but it is probable that they will not be permitted to do so again, nor to sit in the next Assembly. The reason is that some men do not approve.

It is a crowning marvel that in a land where polygamy is common and girls are sold by their parents into slavery in astonishing numbers, that this amount of woman suffrage should exist. Some young men members of this Assembly told us that they were studying American institutions and history in all their spare moments, because they look upon our Republic as a model for the New China. Had our Government been consistent with its own principles, or had our women forced it to be consistent by a demand sufficiently vigorous, this new Oriental Republic would have given the vote to its women without question. The time has now come when every American woman who does not want to vote or wanting to vote, does nothing to secure it, is withholding privileges from women of other lands to the exact extent which is measured by her own influence.

In many things this land is a curious antithesis to our own. Here women wear trousers and men gowns. When a Chinese woman crosses her legs, both legs are plainly outlined; when a Chinese man does so his gown modestly hides them. Here men cook and embroider and make clothes, and women by the thousands earn their own living and that of their families by the management of boats. Strong of limb and back, they deftly row their boats, little and big around the rivers and harbors, carrying passengers and cargo and doing all sorts of errands.

In Canton the boat population is half a million. These people are born, marry and die on their boats. It takes two women to "man" a boat. Often one is a young girl and I saw many, many women plying their oars with babies on their backs. There is usually a baby or two somewhere about these boats, but rarely are men seen except on fishing boats. When the family requires a bath, it jumps into the river and takes a swim. The family washing and the dishes are done over the side of the boat. A platform in the middle serves as a table at mealtime, a bed at night and seats for passengers during business hours. A shelf in one corner contains the family dishes, in another the family altar and a chest under the platform contains the family clothes. There are fleets of market boats which thread their way among the thousands of other boats supplying these river people with their necessities. There are rice boats, fruit, vegetables, confection, flour, fish, meat, clothing and even coffin boats thus finding a sale for their goods. The river doctor, dentist, barber and hair dresser make their rounds advertising their presence by the ringing of bells. There are even fire-cracker boats, for when the work of the day is done, and before she lies down for her rest, the woman head of the boat, offers a little rice or other food to the spirit of the river, and fires off a few crackers to scare away the naughty river devils. She is priest, doctor, bread-earner, tailor, mender, washwoman, housekeeper, nurse, but the one thing she knows little about is cooking. Men do that and other women bring the prepared food in their boats and sell it to her.

On one of the nights we spent in Canton, the festival of the Harvest Moon took place, and several big boats, illuminated brilliantly with bright Chinese lanterns had been chartered by Buddhist monks and nuns, who kept a constant bombardment of fire-crackers going, in order that any stray river devils neglected by the regular peace offerings should receive proper and respectful attention. On the river there is equality. This boat population is the lowest in social standing in China, but nothing I have seen has interested me more. These barefooted women with their loose trousers and jackets are the jolliest, healthiest, and most normal in appearance of any I know. It is among the high classes that women have been robbed of their personal liberty. While looking at these boat women, I recalled a certain speech I had once heard made by a pale, delicate

gentleman named Lyman Abbott. His viewpoint was that women should not vote because they were not strong enough to fight. I believe in peace, but there is a battle I should enjoy and that is a company of these Abbotts, pitted against a company of these Chinese boatwomen. It would settle their argument conclusively. If China becomes thoroughly unified and nationalized, she could beat the world with troops of these fearless, strong, healthy women, should she need them.

Even among the upper classes, those who know say the Chinese woman has been a person of far more independence and character than the world has known. Should the political privilcges of the women then engaged in Canton disappear with the establishment of the permanent government, they will eventually unite and win it back and more. I feel more certain that Chinese women will be amply competent to look after themselves, than any women I have seen in the Orient.

Meanwhile strange things are happening and no one knows what the morrow will bring. The revolutionists are outraged by the execution of two Generals by the Republican Government, for reasons difficult to ascertain. Mr. Yuan, the President, signed the order for the execution, another sent his son to the funeral of one of them to read an "appreciation" he had written of the General's great service to the Revolution! A thing like that is not comprehensible to the western mind. In spite of all the difficulties which now face the New Republic there is a genuine democratic spirit, holding to lofty standards which has aroused thousands of young men and women with an ambition to transform the Celestial Kingdom into a Modern Republic. The ignorance and the superstition, the poverty and the conservatism of the masses of the 450 millions and the suspicion which the leaders feel toward each other are powerful obstacles, but this is a day of surprises. "Westward, the Star of Empire" may be made to read "Star of Progress" and it is now certainly offering its beacon light to the splendid young manhood and womanhood of China.

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## A CORRECTION.

In our report of the work of the Woman Suffrage Party and the Progressive Conventions, we stated that Queens held no convention. We were mis-informed. The Progressives held a convention in Queens County which was the most enthusiastic and perhaps the most democratic affair of the kind ever held in the county. A number of women were present and several voted as delegates from the election districts. It was surely an unbossed convention and those who were nominated had little idea that the honor of running for the principles outlined on the progressive platform would appeal to them. The conventions were held at Columbia Hall, Richmond Hill, in September. The county Chairman, Mr. F. L. Ferguson, appointed Mrs. A. J. Eno the woman organizer for Queens County and she has spent much of her time since then at their headquarters and at the various meetings which were held lately in every part of the county.

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## AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

Announcements from the New York League of the Civic Education of Women recalled the event mentioned above, for the Board of Directors sent us word that all of their *former* program relating to Anti-Suffrage will be given over to the *Twentieth Century Club*. We don't wish the Antis any hard luck, but we do predict that relating Anti-Suffrage to the Twentieth Century will prove fatal.

The new program of the League is most attractive, offering many lectures on the work of women in civic and political life as well as opportunity for the intelligent study of social problems.

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## MOTHER.

BY

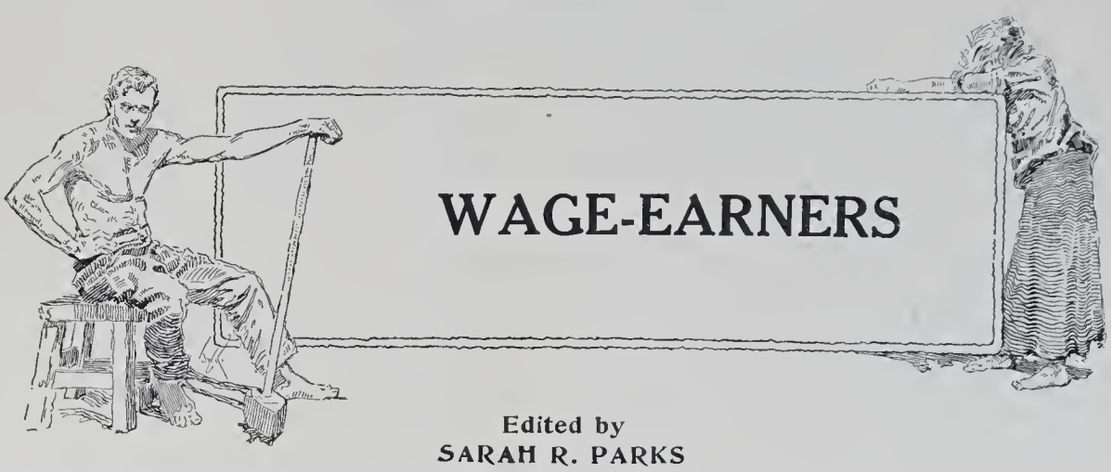
Amy Kingsland Pennington.

OLD and bent with the weight of years,
Grey and scarred like an ancient tree,
Forth one woman for suffrage fared—
Who more noble than all was she?

"May I march?" was her anxious word,
"Yes, but the road is long, you know;
You whose hair has been touched by time
May not have strength the way to go."

Her reply was a forward step;
Never a voice could bid her nay;
She was a Woman, though poor and old,
And woman's rights were at stake that day.

Bore one flag to the hall of state,
Through the streets of Manhattan town—
Mother, O Mother! your sons are men;
You marched for your rights—will they drag them down?

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We cannot adequately express our gratitude for the artistic and suggestive cut which Mr. John Robson has so generously designed for our Wage-Earners' Page. Those who seek to open here another channel through which Labor may speak its mighty message feel that he has rendered invaluable assistance.

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ANNUAL BALL OF THE WOMEN'S TRADE UNION LEAGUE, Nov. 15, 8.30 P. M., at the Amsterdam Opera House, 44th Street, near 8th Avenue. Tickets 50 cents. None of us can afford to miss this opportunity of hearing an attractive program, supporting a vital movement, and coming in touch with splendid trade-union girls. Four hundred of them gave up a Sunday afternoon, after a week in the factory, to appear at Hammerstein's for suffrage.

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Rioting in Lawrence, early in October, brings to mind the heroic uprising of last January, when a few thousand workers, rebelling against an intolerable cut in their starvation wages, won for an entire industry in New England greatly improved conditions. The recent, possibly unwise, outburst reminds us of victims in that struggle. Most of our readers know that Ettor and Giovanetti, strike leaders, have been in prison all these months without trial for the murder of a woman from the scene of whose death they were far distant. Evidence connecting them with the deed, or showing that they had advocated violence is lacking. Fewer people are aware of the blackmailing which is going on. A most pathetic case is that of Lipson, the man who, with a family to support, had found it impossible through many years to save the $4 necessary to the obtaining of the American citizenship he so eagerly desired. Entirely law-abiding throughout the strike, an excellent witness before the Congressional Investigating Committee, he has not since been allowed to get work in Lawrence. Such blackmailing is always occurring. One of New York's skilled telephone operators has been unable to find work since 1907 because of her peaceful prominence in a strike. The Women's Trade Union League, long convinced that through organization and through the ballot workers can remedy industrial evils, is also impressed with their ignorance of their power. The League is beginning a campaign of education among working girls. Attractive illustrated lectures contrast vividly conditions in unorganized trades with those in the few where women have effective unions.

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"Those girls are great!" The words were almost hourly on William Mailly's lips during the Shirt Waist Strike. He was always working for women, urging the Socialist Party to do aggressive suffrage work, insisting that women appear on committees, trying to organize women laborers, doing everything he could. His incessant work during the greatest woman's strike was remarkably effective. Frequently he persuaded manufacturers to settle. Daily he went from shop-meeting to shop-meeting, cheering everybody with his compelling optimism. Day after day he did what very few men did, picketed in front of the shops. No man has given to women a more loyal comradeship than William Mailly, whose death, early in September, was so sore a loss.

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We like to look forward to the passing of a great iniquity:—after June no more phosphorus will be used in manufacturing American matches. That means that no more women (left like Rose C., a widow at 31, glad to work in a match factory and support her two children) will find themselves helpless at 36, able to consume liquid food only, having lost their upper jaws after agonizing suffering. We shall not even have "mild cases of 'phossy jaw'," like that of Helen D., who before she was 22 spent 11 months in a hospital and had four operations. But we cannot forget that Spain, Austria, Italy, and nearly every other civilized country took action in this matter before America. Nor is "phossy jaw" the last of evils. Upon us, the enfranchised women of New York State, will soon rest our share of responsibility for an answer to the question:—In the solution of social problems, shall America be last, or first?

## LETTERGRAM CONTEST

In the August issue of THE WOMAN VOTER, we announced that a prize of ten dollars would be given by Mrs. J. Hedges Crowell of the Woman Suffrage Party for the best lettergram of fifty words, urging a delegate in a National Convention to work for a suffrage plank.

The contest closed on October 15th, when the lettergrams were read by a committee of judges, of whom Mrs. Philip Comstock was Chairman.

We regret that we have not the space to print in THE VOTER *every one* of the splendid lettergrams which reached the office, and we take this opportunity to thank our readers for their ready response.

In the judgment of the committee, the prize lettergram was sent by **Alice H. Reynolds, New York City.**

### PRIZE LETTERGRAM.

**Vote for woman suffrage because it is unjust to deny women a voice in laws governing themselves their homes and property. Because disfranchised women cannot teach their children good citizenship. Because men are naturally commercial women humanitarian and social conditions will not improve until humanity is valued above property.**

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Lettergrams which received Honorable Mention were from Miss Cornelia B. Stevenson, and from Miss E. F. Mulhall.

### FIRST HONORABLE MENTION.

*Women need the ballot because woman's work outside her home to-day concerns public health, public schools, public recreation, housing, immigration, fire protection, child labor, labor unions, children's courts, hospitals and almshouses; and woman suffrage will lead to social justice the only foundation of industrial peace.*

*Sent by Miss Cornelia B. Stevenson, Brooklyn, N. Y.*

### SECOND HONORABLE MENTION.

*Ask your colleagues what reason they offer for not wishing to grant equal suffrage. Challenge their answers—you will find they have no sound arguments. Then present our reason based on our rights, the benefits and justice which will be the outcome. What has sex to do with our liberty?*

*(Miss) E. F. Mulhall, New York City.*

A ONE-SIDED DEVELOPMENT

*Courtesy of Judge*

# THE LIVINGSTON CASE

SUFFRAGISTS very seldom step aside to engage in any activities which come under the head of immediate alleviation, ineffectual protest. The whole principle of suffragists the world over, in every state and country is that we will no longer deal with effects while we are powerless to touch causes, that we will no longer struggle with numberless cases and individual incidents while we have no voice in creating the conditions of our civic and national life. Philanthropy is good; but how much better to do away with the necessity for philanthropy! Rescue work is kind and humane, but why forever spend time, money and energy in rescuing those who fall into the black hole instead of "filling up the black hole"? Why endeavor to cure this and that case of disease, while the pest spot that ever breeds the disease remains? We Woman Suffragists will never be content with alleviation, with half measures, with aimless and hopeless service, while we have no real power over ultimate causes; that power which only the franchise can bring; only the franchise rightly used can make operative. However, when one of our speakers and workers in the pursuance of her brave and dauntless rescue work among the white slave victims of this City, was again brutally and savagely attacked this spring in Chinatown, the Woman Suffrage Party in its City Committee meeting passed resolutions of protest against conditions which make it possible for so beneficent a social worker to be repeatedly beaten, battered, and half killed by the vice agents, who have become enraged through the loss of revenue they suffered when Mrs. Livingston has rescued little girls and young girls from the horrors that threatened them.

Following the adoption of this resolution, similar resolutions were adopted in many of our Assembly District mass meetings, notably in a big meeting in the Metropolitan Temple in May.

Because of her criticism of Chinatown conditions, such as any private citizen had a perfect right to make, addressed by Mrs. Laidlaw to Mayor Gaynor and Commissioner Waldo, certain police officials threatened to sue Mrs. Laidlaw for libel. Mr. Nathan A. Smyth was retained as Mrs. Laidlaw's counsel in this case, as well as for Mrs. Livingston's counsel in the case of her assault. During the past months, thousands have become interested in this case. At many public meetings the subject has been presented to interested throngs of people. Knowledge of it has been dissimulated to thousands of readers of THE WOMAN VOTER. Hundreds of people have been moved to write to Mayor Gaynor and to Mr. Waldo. Mr. Waldo responded by putting a detective on the case,—Lieut. Costigan. This dauntless Lieutenant, known as "Honest Dan" Costigan, is a man who has the respect and admiration of tens of thousands New Yorkers who follow closely and with an inquiring and logical mind the course of events in this City. During the time of Lieutenant Costigan's work, a number of letters were written protesting against the scandalous treatment so frequently accorded to Mrs. Livingston in the pursuance of her brave and unselfish work. Meetings at which speeches were made on this subject increased week by week, until this incident *and the conditions lying back of it,* were widely discussed topics. Thousands of people who have not been interested in criminal conditions in this City before, are to-day following every word concerning the City affairs with unusual interest.

While Commissioner Waldo had fortunately seen fit to put Lieutenant Costigan on this piece of work, Mayor Gaynor was writing answers to a number of the letters which he received concerning Mrs. Livingston's case. The purport of his letters was simply, succinctly: "If Mrs. Livingston is in danger in Chinatown, let her stay out of Chinatown!" Many of his letters also insinuated that our interest in Mrs. Livingston was misplaced, and that she was "Not doing as much good in Chinatown as some people seemed to think." No one has been at all influenced by any of the cowardly attacks upon Mrs. Livingston's character and motives. Every one has understood their animus thoroughly.

In the meantime Mrs. Livingston's friends, with the help of Mr. Smyth, were making a careful investigation of Mrs. Livingston's life and work. They have gathered a valuable body of data concerning her in the form of letters and testimony and have irrefutable data, showing very clearly why Mrs. Livingston is systematically and ruthlessly made the target for slanderous attacks. Mrs. Livingston's work interferes with "Business interests" of entirely too many people, for her to be popular with any except those who are interested single heartedly in the fair fame and safety of this City.

Mrs. Livingston is honored by those who, to use Jane Addams' words, "Hear the call from the multitude of warm-hearted youth who in the very streets, paven with peril, teeming with mischance, still eagerly clamor for a City made fit and fair for their budding lives." All of us women who have worked on this case, comparatively small insignificant as it is, have learned an immense amount. We have learned for one thing that it is about time that the mothers and homekeepers of this City, "bother their heads about such things." We have learned that it is about time they paid some attention to the legal procedure of our courts, that they become in-

terested in the personnel of our judges, probation officers and other officials; that they learn something more of the reason for that well-known resentment that lives in the heart of the type of man who does not like to see "good" women mix up in the things of the underworld. It is illuminating to any women to hear the voice and see the expression of a man who said as one man did say, with a mingling of smug propriety and deprecation: "Did you know that this woman had lead an impure life!" We women of to-day, sir, know a great many things, and we know that the child who has been imprisoned and enslaved at the age of ten, twelve or fourteen, is not as "impure" as the man who put her there! We know that the most unfortunate and degraded woman on the street is more worthy of our sympathy than any one of the many men who are implicated in the sordid tragedy of her life.

To return to our narrative of events in the Livingston case; Michael Carboni was arrested by Lieutenant Costigan as the culprit and was tried before Magistrate Kernochan. He was released on five hundred dollars bail, his case being held over for the Special Sessions. The case came up in Special Sessions on October 16 before Judges Salmon, Moss and Collins. The case was conducted by Deputy Assistant District Attorney Floyd H. Wilmott. Mr. Wilmott won the respect of many people who saw this trial. His kindness and his unfailing courtesy together with his sincere and his efficient handling of the case, brought forth expressions of gratitude, many of which may never reach him; therefore, we take occasion to pay this small tribute. The witnesses for Mrs. Livingston were Mrs. Laidlaw, who testified as to her condition a few hours after the assault, also Mr. Nathan Smyth, who has been the counsel in the case, and who has been putting in shape the evidence which has been gathered concerning Mrs. Livingston's life, and work, and who had conducted the case in the Magistrate's court. This evidence the Assistant District Attorney Wilmott held in his hand during the trial and it was passed to the judges. Knowing the influences that were at work for Carboni's release, it was with considerable relief and with a sense of distinct triumph that the Woman Suffrage Party members and other friends of Mrs. Livingston saw this man convicted. His counsel requested that he be remanded to the tombs and that the sentence be pronounced the following week.

On October 17th his case came up again. A great many friends of Mrs. Livingston were in court. A very ardent champion of the accused man, judging by the remarkable document which he read, was Probation Officer Connors. One man in the courtroom, who was listening to the prolonged eulogy of the man about to be sentenced, was heard to remark laughingly: "That man ought to go straight to heaven!" In spite of the picturesque whitewashing process indulged in by the Probation Officer, the accused man was sentenced to four months in the penitentiary. This is so much *more* justice than has ever been meted out to Mrs. Livingston in the past, that we are *relatively* content. Indeed, many people told us "That everything considered it was very good!" We submit, however, to woman suffragists here and everywhere, the following fact: —This same man a year or two ago, served a term of one year in the penitentiary in a bribery case involving a few dollars.

As we looked at Mrs. Livingston sitting there weak and worn and broken in body, still suffering from the results of this brutal and inhuman assault, we did not feel very grateful for that four months sentence for a second offender, who had already served a year for what seemed to our ignorant, lay minds, a much less criminal act. This four months sentence together with the whole history of the disregard and the opposition which Mrs. Livingston has met with from those who should have aided and protected her in the name of gratitude, justice and decency, has made many of us feel that no sacrifice is too great to bring about that day when the voice of true, disinterested, public-spirited citizens, men and women alike, shall be heard in our halls of justice.

Women, this case is one infinitesimal example out of the great volume of injustices which is filling our land to-day. Social service and the indispensable weapon for the social servant:—the ballot, that is what we are striving for, women! That we may use that great instrument of governmental power wisely and well, let us broaden and deepen our hearts and minds, clear the clouds from our eyes, sternly refuse to be blinded by sophistry and deceived by plausible representation. We know that this our land, in which we must run our homes, in which we must bring up our children for whose lives and whose future we are responsible, is honeycombed with cruelty, greed, hypocrisy and crime; **and injustice reigns in high and low places.**

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## JANE ADDAMS.

When people realize that the highest interests of the city cannot be secured and preserved except by the co-operation of men and women in government, I think we shall be surprised by the quick way in which the franchise will come to our hands.

# "HONOR THE BUTTON"

BY

HARRIET T. COMSTOCK

IN the first place I would say—wear a Suffrage button! Wear it so that it can be seen. The doing of this, acts in two ways. It draws friends to you: it places you where you belong with Antis and it demands that you either honor it or dishonor it by your own behavior.

I have been in the far west this summer. I have been in the states where women are *doing* what people here are still stupidly trying to prove—cannot be done! I have had the experience of being listened to with real interest because I was able to quote, first hand, the thrilling arguments that our Antis are still voicing. There is a difference between the eastern and western Anti. The former talks without knowing; the latter has the facts all right and deals only with her prejudices.

I have heard my sisters of the east referred to as "Moss-backs" and I declare that after a stay in Colorado Springs and Denver, I began to imagine that I did feel a soft green something creeping up my spinal column. Still under it all I did try "to honor my button."

Like the Mason's or Odd Fellows' symbol, it brought me courtesy and kindness. It was a Fraternity pin in very truth and women who long since have outlived the sex limitations of personal freedom, did me "good turns" in confidences and written and printed facts. But best of all I beheld the living personal proof.

"No eastern Anti comes here and tells us the ballot is a failure," said one beautiful Colorado Springs woman to me: "You see we're here and speaking for ourselves." So they are! and too busy with home and civic duty to waste time in nailing lies and fighting straw men.

"You know there are three kinds of women," said another lady to me. "The kind that is incapable of comprehending what is going on, and under this head come the ignorant, the hampered by heredity and the arrested-development kind. Then there are the women who do not want to be convinced. Enjoying their own special privileges they will not see the rights and wrongs of others. Such women welcome anyone, truth letter or falsifier, who will uphold them in their ignorance. Lastly there is the *un*-moral woman. The player to galleries. She knows what she is about and is about it all the time. 'Stick to a lie long enough,' says this type, 'and you can make it appear truth!'"

This classification is not far from just. What can be said of men and women who assert that in states where women have the ballot, no good laws can be directly traced to woman's 'initiative.' There are a hundred and fifty laws in Colorado attributable to women directly, anyone can know them who really cares for truth. These laws are peculiarly feminine, the woman's point of view.

"And what have women done to improve things?" asks their plausible Antis, "in the places where they have power?"

They recall a vicious Seattle Mayor: they speak through every law they have made for woman's uplift; the sanctity of childhood; clean cities and pure water and safer homes!

They have a committee in Colorado Springs, some women of which, always attend the meetings of the aldermen. They listen and carry away the facts—and they represent a vote!

With those fine-strung women in the Council Chamber two or three things are bound to happen. They cannot be ignored. They are citizens, their cause and the men's is a common cause, and behind their approval or disapproval is—the ballot!

"There is said to be more corruption in Colorado since the women voted than there was before," I shamefacedly quoted to a hostess so gentle and dignified that I was made to feel free to discover what I could.

"As to that," and the laugh of the free woman rang out, "you see I am a good housekeeper; I do my own work besides fulfilling civic duties and I am going to use a homely illustration. When you begin to preserve fruit—what happens? You put in your sugar and then for a long time—longer than nineteen years in comparison—the scum rises. You skim it off patiently and more rises and you take that away. Finally you have a clear syrup; perfectly preserved fruits and the jar may be sealed! There were several things lying dormant in Colorado politics when women were admitted to freedom and the skimming the scum has been a pretty steady job."

I pondered over the humble illustration and presently it became an illuminated text!

Women have been expected by men to heal the ugly scars and wounds of the wars the Male has evolved. Woman has been expected to be finer and purer than men in order to redeem the *Family* in the high moral sense, and now she is asked to prove that she will improve the political mess men have brought about—or men will not give her the ballot!

Poor women! And yet I verily believe they are equal to that for the homes of the west are beautiful homes; the women, the ardent suffragists, are the most gracious and womanly women. The children are being wisely considered—I quote:

The delegates of the Inter-Parliamentary Union who visited the United States for the purpose of studying American institutions, declared concerning our (Colorado) group of laws relating to child life in its various forms of education, home and labor that *"they are the sanest, most humane, most progressive, most scientific laws relating to the child to be found on any statute books in the world."*

After the first bill introduced by women—"Senate Bill 1—was an act establishing a State home for dependent and neglected children." Then came Mrs. Holly's bill raising the age of consent to 18 years.

Next a bill for making married women joint guardians of their own children and yet the Antis still cry in the east—"What have women done where they have the ballot?"

Think, quietly think, what it means to be a mother and a father! Try to place the two positions side by side with all the meaning of maternity and then think that men left it women to place that guardianship law upon the state books!

How long did it take the Massachusetts indirect influence to do it? Something like fifty years. Do you know how long it took the women's direct vote to do it in Colorado? A little less than two months.

Has anyone read the poem of "The Stuffed Owl?

"Who stuffed that white owl?"

And then a long harangue proving how badly it was done; how untrue to nature. And then—the owl turned and winked at them. The Woman Suffrage Owl is winking at every Anti from the states where woman is a citizen—and every honest anti who wants to know—knows it!

But I began by urging that we honor the button! Here, where the fray is hottest we sometimes forget. We are rude, discourteous, we are careless of dress and the finer things of life and our button and our Cause suffer.

"Whatsoever things are of good repute"—let us add them to ourselves. We will settle into shape some day when we can live and act instead of struggle to the verge of breakdown; but in the meantime let us honor our button. Let us be as well dressed as "our purse can buy," let us take time to be gentle and sympathetic. Let us love a little more and be brave enough to call things by their right names—in modified tones!

It does not matter perhaps, but to go into an office and be courteously welcomed instead of being ordered to stand and deliver by—"what can I do for you"—would help. We are urging that women need self expression; that there is the male and female point of view and the woman's office, home and shop should express the best feminine ideal.

Wear your button and honor it! Let the chance acquaintance have something good to tell of the button wearer. "What does that button mean?" asked a sweet southern girl of me lately. I told her and then sent a swift prayer to heaven with the plea that I might so live, speak and act—that I should not dishonor that for which my button stood.

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## BOOK NOTES

### A MESSAGE FROM MARY AUSTIN.

I BELIEVE in Woman Suffrage because I believe that the power and grace of womanhood is the greatest uplifting and redemptive force in the world, and in order that it may be in the world freely to do its appointed work, it must be disentangled from crippling superstition. Now a superstition is any practice persisted in long after the idea which informed it has ceased to be accepted for a fact, and that the racial, intellectual and moral deficiencies of our sex, upon the faith in which woman's traditional position in society is established, has long passed into the limbo of superstition not even our most determined opponents have the temerity to deny.

Life appeared on the earth as a female, with the male creature as a later and feebler development designed to meet the greater demand of the evolving mother-type, and no social system which does not take account of nature's initial plan can hope to fulfill nature's demand upon it. It must wither and die as all great empires of the past have died. Historians befuddle themselves to discover why Rome and Greece and Egypt have passed away, but so must all societies which are not organized about the living fact of woman's creative and life-conserving activities. Labor exists, capital came into being in order that these might have their way, and no effort to reform society about either means can have anything but a questionable effect upon the great end.

Our present state presents the anomalous situation of the legs of human society warring against the arms, while the Heart of Life beats persistently but unobserved in their midst. There can be, at this juncture, no more inspiring business for the thinking woman than to lend herself to the reëstablishment of the supremacy of the mother-type.

I believe woman suffrage is the immediate measure by which it can be effected. More than any other one measure it will tend to break down the ridiculous barrier of the "woman's sphere," and afford to all classes the opportunity to put their womanliness into effect. For womanliness, that is the whole set of reactions involved in the

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business of being a female, is a race function and can no more be regarded as existing solely or even largely for the purpose of rendering her acceptable to the male than the electric fluid exists for the purpose of making magnets. That it is regularly so attractive to the opposite sex is merely an incident on its way to its appointed end, which is the raising of the plane of the whole species, and that this magnetic current is checked and balked at a thousand points by ignorance, by lack of opportunity, by overwork and overbearing, no one who has studied the condition of women of to-day can attempt to deny.

It is the primary object of the active suffragist then, not so much to secure votes for women as by that method to release at every point the confining, choking tradition, to secure to every woman everywhere the free exercise of her most precious quality.

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## A WOMAN OF GENIUS.*

*By*

*Mary Austin.*

"I suppose," says Olivia Lattimore, the heroine of Mary Austin's new novel, *A Woman of Genius,* "that it never occurs to you that a gifted woman could be as delicate and feminine as anybody, if only you didn't make her right to fostering care and protection conditional on her giving up her gift altogether. You," she demands of Pauline Mills, the perfect type of womanly woman, "who tie up all the moral values of living to your own little set of behaviours, what right have you to deny us the opportunity to be loved honestly because you can't at the same time make us over into replicas of yourselves?"

This is the challenge of every woman who would develop freely, according to the light within, unhampered by outworn social traditions. Olivia Lattimore's story, "the struggle between a Genius for Tragic Acting and the daughter of a County Clerk, with the social ideal of Taylorville, Ohiamea, for the villain," is in a small degree the struggle of every woman who does not conform to type, and in a larger way, the tragedy of any woman so gifted that she cannot be like the others, even if she would.

Those who are familiar with Mrs. Austin's work hail each new book as a literary event. The author of *The Land of Little Rain, Isidro* and *The Arrow Maker* has won a distinct place in American letters. Francis Grierson, writing in *The Freewoman,* one of the most brilliant of the feminist magazines, said of her books:

"I have now read all her works, and they have served to convince me, once for all, of the vital importance of woman's work and woman's power at this critical juncture in the march of the thing we call civilization.

"When I realize that it is women like Mary Austin who have set their intellectual powers to work on the side of the Women's Movement everywhere, all doubts as to the triumph of their cause vanish. A few more years of effort will usher in the victory."

In *A Woman of Genius* she reveals herself again, not only as a writer of rare artistic ability, but as a woman who has lived and understood.

The plot of the book is simple; its strength is in the marvellous portrayal of the spirit of the woman. We see Olivia, first as a child possessed by a gift for acting, which she did not in the least understand. Later, when she has passed through a woman's experience of courtship, marriage and maternity, she begins to realize that she is in the grip of something, bigger than herself, bigger than those who surround her, dream. So, she tells us what this gift, this genius for acting did with her life; how, after it rose within her and mastered her, she was enlarged and made noble; how by the well meaning of her friends, she was cramped and hardened; how, when a great love came to her life, the one man who could sweep her off her feet, failed her when his traditions were measured against the career of a great actress. Yet, she knew, after all, that "For a man, to be loved is of the greatest importance, but with women it is loving that is the fructifying act."

In her triumphs, her failures, her struggles and disappointments we follow her through the moulding and mellowing years, and because Mrs. Austin is a seer, we, too, have a glimmering of what it all meant, and when Jerry, the comrade who knew her best says:

"Tell me, Olivia,—even with the unhappiness, with all you have been through, would you rather be what you are, or like the others?"

We are glad when she answers:

"No,—if being different meant being like the others, I'd not choose to have it any different."

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# EDITORIAL COMMENT

**Suffrage Planks in All Party Platforms**

The impossible has finally come to pass in New York politics. We have workable suffrage planks in the platforms of all six political parties. The Prohibition, the Socialist, the Independent, the Progressive, all declare in favor of equal suffrage; the Republican platform calls for a referendum to the voters in 1915, unless a Constitutional Convention shall be called earlier; the Democratic platform calls for a referendum "as soon as may be," which comes to the same thing. The minority parties, it will be observed, love women very dearly, and the thought of dealing unjustly with them in the matter of the vote is quite unthinkable; "so great a favorite," as Blackstone says, "is the female sex." The majority parties, on the other hand, the Republican and the Democratic, have long had the opportunity of handing out even-handed injustice to women, and have seldom failed to take advantage of the privilege. For, the simple truth is—and truth is always simple—that both of our majority parties have been riddled with corruption from top to bottom; a fear and dread of woman suffrage always exists with this condition of affairs; those who thrive on dirt have a settled aversion to soap, water, and scrub-pails. Now, a Boss can no more change his nature than a leopard his spots; loathing woman suffrage as they must and do, our Bosses let the referendum planks go in, making a virtue of necessity. The force of public sentiment was more than they dared to ignore. It is the greatest victory that we have yet won; it is the unmistakable recognition of the insistence of the woman suffrage movement, and the first glimpse of dawn in the darkest Africa of New York.

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**In the Campaign States**

These are strenuous days in the states where woman suffrage amendments are soon to come before the voters.

From Wisconsin we hear that there is every indication of success. Many of the newspapers are actively helping the campaign by issuing special suffrage pages or editions. Mrs. La Follette has recently made a tour of the state fairs, where she was received with great enthusiasm. Miss Shaw and other members of the National have also given much time to the work there.

Oregon continues her brilliant struggle, and in a state noted for its progressive tendencies, it seems hardly possible that the voters will fail to make democracy real.

From Arizona comes the good word that all the political parties have incorporated suffrage planks, and that the temper of the people everywhere is favorable to suffrage.

The suffrage campaign in Kansas has the support of many prominent men and women. They report that "the best brain and blood of the State are for suffrage and we expect to win."

Michigan women are waging a plucky campaign, with the assistance of the Grangers and labor organizations. Late reports are confident with the hope of victory.

In the history of our movement there was never a time when success was so certain. We are well out of the propaganda stage, and heart and soul in a political period, in which woman suffrage is no longer a reformer's dream but a practical politician's urgent problem. With National and State political parties committed to our cause, thousands of intelligent men and women working actively in our campaign, there can be no such thing as defeat. Suffrage is inevitable!

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**Suffrage Work for Volunteers**

On October 6th the following letter was received at Headquarters:

*To the Editor*:

Why don't you tell people in your magazine, what to do and who to go to, to become an active Suffragette? I am interested in the "Cause," ever since your week at Hammerstein's. Have time and willingness to work for it but do not seem to be able to get at you. Called at 34th Street but saw no one but typewriter and sign: "No admittance, but on business."

Was wondering how many other possible helpers you lose in this way.

OBSERVER.

Needless to say, we are glad of this opportunity to reply to *Observer,* regretting only that she did not give her name and address that we might make amends for any seeming lack of hospitality.

Those who are familiar with Headquarters will understand, of course, that the visitor did not find the right address on 34th Street, for we have no sign which says "No admittance but on business" and from nine until five when the office is open, there is always an attendant in the hall to receive guests and usher them to the reception room.

The great distinguishing feature of the Woman Suffrage Party is that there is room for everybody to help and something for everybody to do. We are an "open shop," having no dues, no red tape necessary to membership and a welcome to anyone who believes in woman suffrage. The work for volunteers is so varied that anyone with much or little time can help, and can find a task that is congenial.

First and most important is the District Work which is the base of all our activities. We are

made up, just as any other party, of assembly districts, each having leaders and captains, who are responsible for their districts and precincts. *Any woman who will send her name and address to Headquarters will be told the name of her Assembly District Leader, and if she desires, the Leader will call at her home and explain the needs of the district.* All the leaders are glad to have volunteers, for there are many lines of effort in each district. For those who have much time, there is the office of captain which involves the responsibility of a precinct, enrolling and keeping in touch with all the suffragists in that little division of one or two blocks. For others, there is work on committees, ushering, helping at meetings, taking part in the political work. The advantage of doing work for suffrage in one's own neighborhood is great, for it saves time that might be spent in long trips, and it enables women to know their neighbors. There are many workers in the districts who have, in the last few years, learned to know the section of New York in which they live and for the first time come into contact with the people about them.

For volunteers who wish to become active in the general work of the Party there are many waiting tasks. We are always in need of good speakers, organizers and canvassers. Not a day passes but what we have a request to send someone to represent the Party somewhere in this great city. Then we have numerous committees who can use new members for some definite work such as finance, literature, entertainment and so on.

For those who have less time to give, we have many opportunities for ushering at meetings, selling buttons, taking enrollments and distributing literature. There is always clerical work to be done, such as districting the slips with new names, addressing envelopes, sending notices and cards.

*Observer's* letter suggests a need of the Party for volunteer hostesses to receive new friends of the cause. The Executive Secretary is already so burdened with detail work that it is impossible for her to spend much time with individual visitors. The City officers have many meetings and appointments on their days at the office, and while they are delighted to greet people, they are seldom free to stop and chat. We ought to have regular Party Hostesses to serve on definite days in the reception room where they could meet visitors, explain the Party work, distribute literature, and above all, make it impossible for us "to lose possible helpers." We hope that *Observer* will be interested to familiarize herself with the plan of the Woman Suffrage Party and be one of the first to volunteer as a hostess.

Last but not least, to the Editor's way of thinking, there is THE WOMAN VOTER, with endless needs for volunteers. Every month we send out a call for help in getting the magazine out of the office. We can use people to address, paste and fold THE VOTERS for mailing; we can use them to help on our new card catalogue of subscribers, or to address cards for renewals and circulars. We need volunteers to help us get 5,000 new subscribers by the first of February; we need volunteers to sell the magazine at meetings. If *Observer* will call upon the Editor at 30 East 34th Street some Tuesday or Friday morning, she will gladly tell her more about the purpose and work of the magazine.

*To volunteer for any kind of work at Headquarters, either send your name and address on a post-card, saying that you have time to give, or come in and ask to see Miss Johnstone, Executive Secretary of the Party.*

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**Concerning The Voter** Readers of this magazine will be glad to learn that we are making rapid progress with our advertising and circulation. So many new advertisements came in as we were going to press that we were obliged to hold over several interesting contributions. Some of the Men's League articles are ready for the next issue and we hope, by that time, to increase the number of pages of reading matter.

There are two definite ways to help suffrage via THE WOMAN VOTER. One is to *patronize our advertisers* and tell them WHY you do so. The others, is to help us increase our circulation by sending us new names and speaking a word for the paper whenever possible. In the days of our coming campaign we must have our own independent magazine to spread our propaganda and give us publicity.

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**Modern Revolutionists** *The Survey* says: "THE WOMAN VOTER is the modern 'Federalist.' At the time when women are shaking off the conventions of ages to take their part in the modern world—the world in which they, not their ancestors, live—it takes the place of the broadsheets and brochures by means of which the men of the Commonwealth in England and of the Revolution in France brought the public opinion of their times up to higher levels of Justice and Democracy. In publishing it, The Woman Suffrage Party is pamphleteering in the Twentieth Century."

# BOOK NOTES

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## *HENRY DEMOREST LLOYD.**

### *A Biography By Caro Lloyd.*

This book is the life story of a man who made a religion of Democracy: a knight errant, tender, heroic, passionately concerned to waken the public conscience to the wrongs done their fellow men by those whom the greed for wealth makes callous to the claims of brotherhood.

Miss Lloyd has given a lovable portrait of her brother to the readers of her interesting biography. She has portrayed him in words full of a certain warmth and grace of diction that must be a family gift. But she has done more than write a readable book. Mr. Lloyd's life was contemporaneous with the beginning of a new industrial era, and he stands forth a prophet of the social order for which we are fighting to-day. We are trying, to use one of his phrases, "to moralize" our industrial life. Between 1847, the year of Henry Lloyd's birth, and 1903, the year of his death, was the period in which took place the transformation which changed the smug American admiration of our ability to amass dollars into the present wide-spread condemnation of the great "interests" who heap up for themselves these dollars at the expense of the commonwealth. Mr. Lloyd began the war upon Trusts with the publication of his "Wealth Against Commonwealth."

He was always the champion of the laboring man, ready at any call to plead for him, taking no payment for services, even laying down his life in the end for the cause of industrial freedom. His Golden Rule was "work for others as you would have others work for you."

The Spring Valley lockout, the cause of the Chicago Anarchists which he pleaded so bravely, facing the loss of friends and money, the dramatic scenes of the great Anthracite Coal Strike; all these things are told with vivid effect in the biography. "In all issues only one side can have the right principle," he said, and the principle of the laboring man was always right, no matter how mistaken and even wrong his methods of gaining his end might be.

Like all true democrats, he believed in the equality of the sexes, that there could be but one law for both. Miss Lloyd does not tell us, but we read between the lines, that his attitude towards woman was one of comrade, friend, fellow-worker. He gave his deepest thought or talked of his dearest plans as freely to women as to men. From early manhood he advocated the Suffrage for Women. He said, "when we admit women to their rights, and so get a step further towards our own rights, we will find that we have added a more constructive and conservative force than our own to the solution of the troublesome social question." He had indeed, and we see the reason for this in his happy relations with noble women, an almost exalted idea of the work woman is destined to do in the world. Writing in the *Altruistic Review* he says, speaking of his book "Wealth Against Commonwealth." "It is in the womanhood of the world that are rising the great fountains of the enthusiasm and energy of the future. Through almost every page of his work the author was drawn on by the hope that some fact, some word, might kindle the mind of *the woman* who is to strike the keynote of the coming emancipation of the commonwealth, and that out of our womanhood might come the wit, tenderness, and virtue to heal the question which has proved to be too big for the monopoly sex."

ELIZA M. GUY.

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## *WOMAN IN MODERN SOCIETY.**

### *By Earl Barnes.*

Those who wish a clear, brief statement of the present day situation of woman will find it in Earl Barnes' *Woman in Modern Society.* The conclusion of the author, that men and women are not alike, but supplementary, is no newer than Tennyson's *Princess* and not entirely different in its application, but the old material and arguments are offered in concise and readable fashion.

"Instead of talking of unquiet women to-day, we should talk of an unquiet world," says Professor Barnes, "In the midst of these compelling changes, women could no more remain undisturbed, within the confines of the kitchen and nursery, than men could remain in their little New England farms or cobbling shoes and making tin pans in the petty workshops of a century ago." In such chapters as *Women in Education, The Feminizing of Culture, Women in Industry* the author gives an excellent description of the progress and achievements of women in various lines. When he writes *What It Means to be a Woman,* however, we are inclined to believe that he has not risen above the limitations of his sex. Such large generalizations as this,

"In this, her own field of moral judgment, woman is idealistic and uncompromising. If one of her sisters falls from virtue she will often pursue her unmercifully. If a man, on the other hand, commits a burglary or forgery her sympathy and mercy may make her a very lenient judge."

are not only superficial but provincial.

Again, this picture of unmarried women,

"Women alone, whether individually or in groups, tend to develop certain hard, dry, arid qualities of mind and heart, or they become emotional and unbalanced. Losing a sense of large significances, they become overcareful, saving, sometimes penurious, while in matters of feeling they lavish sentiment and sympathy on unimportant pets and movements," shows a somewhat limited acquaintance with those so unfortunate as to have failed in finding husbands. This chapter is the weakest one in the book and leads us to conclude that Professor Barnes, despite his courageous attempt, cannot adequately understand or describe what it means to be either a single or a married woman.

The chapter *Woman's Relation to Political Life* offers several interesting observations regarding the working of equal suffrage in Idaho, where the author spent some time. He says:

"In London or New York, a suffrage inquirer would constantly strike 'live wires'; in Idaho, every one is insulated. The subject is no more an issue than civil service reform or state versus national control of banking systems. Most people have forgotten the passage of the constitutional amendment conferring equal suffrage, in 1896. Since then, men and women have gone on voting and holding office until the woman's right has become as commonplace as, and no more interesting or questionable than, the vote of any busy citizen in New Jersey."

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*By Selina Solomons.*

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## *THE DELINQUENT CHILD AND THE HOME.**

*By*

*Sophonisba P. Breckinridge and Edith Abbott.*

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M. J. H.

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# THE TRICKS OF THE TRADE

BY
ARTHUR S. LEVY

IT was in the Fall Time, almost a year ago, that there came in my morning mail a little circular. I regret that having thrown it in the waste basket I cannot do it exact justice, but it read something like this: "Send us a dollar, so that for next year we can get out another 'Anti-Suffrage Calendar,' all full of brand new arguments." It was the "brand new" that attracted my attention. Think of it: a whole book of them, absolutely new, and all for a dollar! As I read it there came running through my head an ancient nursery rhyme that I supposed I had many years ago forgotten:

"Here is something very funny,
Surely worth the entrance money."

I read the little circular through a second time, to be sure that I was not mistaken. There could be no doubt about it. It certainly said "brand new."

Now, why it should be anything in an argument's favor that it is a new argument must be something of a puzzle in the first place. Certainly there is a word to be said in favor of an old argument that has survived all attempts to answer it. But vastly more amazing than this is the childlike confidence of the authors of the anonymous circular, that the arguments could be produced at will, provided the dollars were forthcoming. I wondered how they proposed to do it. Wherefore I sat down to figure it out, and I think I have the answer. The new arguments will be just like the old ones, equally valuable, and evolved in the same way. The problem of inventing an anti-suffrage argument is exceedingly simple. Any one can do it, once the trick is learned. The rules go something like this: First persuade yourself of two things—one that you are entirely unprejudiced and free from bias, the other that woman suffrage is necessarily and inevitably bad. You then pick out at random any condition of things which would without question be undesirable, and boldly assert that it is bound to result from the extension of suffrage to women. Behold, you have an argument, in all the glory of its new-born magnificence. The process may be repeated indefinitely. It is of no importance that you may hit upon two or more conditions that could not possibly exist at the same time. They are all bound to happen none the less, if we once allow women to vote. It matters not that women have been voting for many years in many places without noticeable evil result. Australia is not yet under martial rule, Norway has not yet relapsed into barbarism. Colorado is still on the map, and, strange to relate, there are happy homes in Wyoming. We must not remember that it was flying in the face of all the laws of nature to give women an education, and destroying the foundations of society to let them hold property. For if we once admit our past experience into the discussion we shall be face to face with the one condition that is not to be borne—a shortage in the crop of new-found arguments.

If any one doubts that I have correctly described the genesis of an anti-suffrage argument, let him look for a moment at some of the most urged reasons why women should not vote. Reason No. 1: Because being politically uneducated, and naturally superficial and flighty into the bargain, there is no telling what fool laws they might pass. Now observe that this argument entails two premises: one, that women would vote in large numbers; and two, that they would vote differently from men. But in the next breath we are told that women should not vote because (Reason No. 2) every woman would vote like her husband, and therefore we would merely double the vote without changing it. No argument is needed to show that if this reason be true, the first is false; for this one rests on an express denial of the premise that women would vote differently from men. But what shall we say when, in a last agony of asininity, we are asked to believe (Reason No. 3) that women should not vote because, if they had the vote, they would not use it—an argument that successfully contradicts both of the others at the same time.

So one might wander for hours, if space permitted it, in the fertile fields of the anti-suffrage argument. Perhaps the "Calendar" will tell us in January that women should stick to indirect influence, because in that way they will have more effect on the laws. The assumption here is of course that the more effect they have the better. But, behold, in March the home is the sphere of woman, and the making of laws is designed by nature exclusively for men. But if this last be true, and women are by nature incapable of law-making, then the less they affect the laws the better, and, unless January lied to us, we had better give them the vote right away, so as to reduce their influence. Truly it is a wonderful thing and not to be beat!

Behold the Anti-Suffrage Argument. Is it not a pretty Argument? See how It bristles and shows Its teeth, seeking whom It may devour. But do not touch the Argument. For It is balancing Itself delicately on nothing, and trying to look both ways at once, which is hard for an Argument. And besides the Argument is in trouble. Cruel, unkind people bit off one of Its toes a while ago in the State of California, which It cannot at all understand. And presently It will all be gone, piece by piece, and then there will be no Argument. Poor, pretty Argument!

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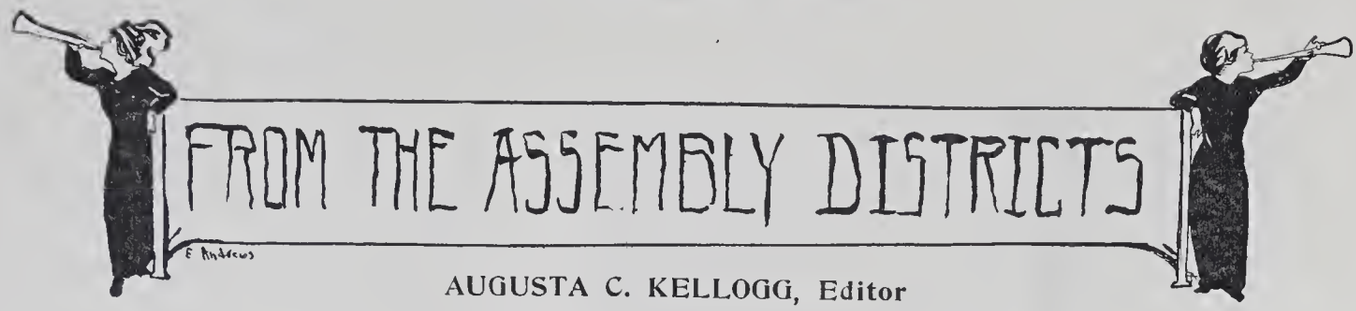


AUGUSTA C. KELLOGG, Editor

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Augusta Rosenthal made her first speech at a street meeting in the 2nd Assembly District, September 26. Arthur S. Levy, Jr., also spoke.

To welcome home Miss Dock who in point of service is one of the oldest suffrage workers in the city, a big meeting was arranged in the 8th Assembly District for October 15. Miss Dock spoke and Miss Gertrude Livingston, Miss Rosenthal and Miss Newman also.

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A smaller meeting at 74th Street and Broadway was held October 5th and Miss Klatschken spoke.

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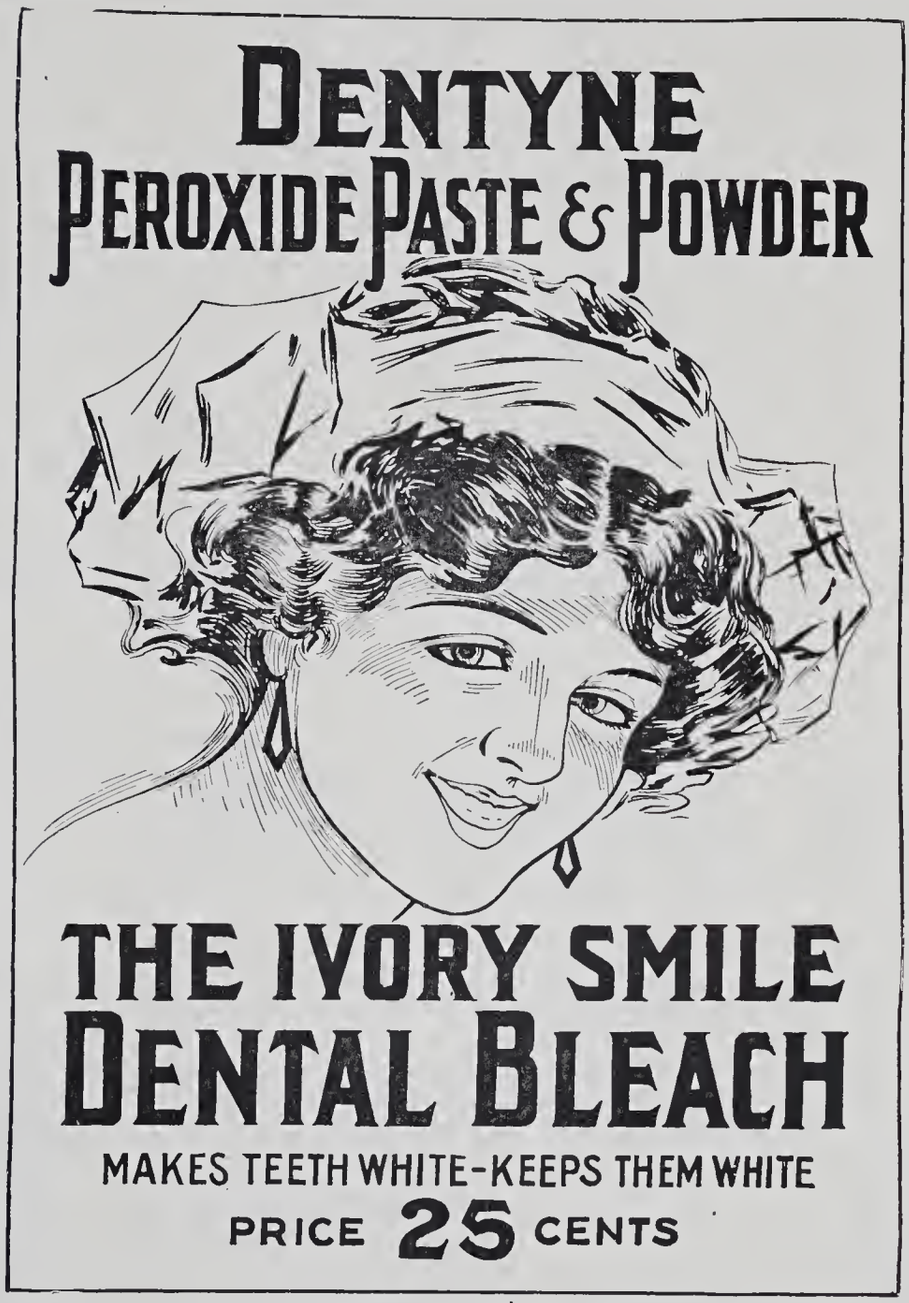


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